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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action of October 10, 2006 in the above-identified case. November 10, 2006 having fallen on a Federal Holiday, this response is being filed November 13, 2006, making this a timely response.

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